

TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Present: Cllrs J Raywood (Chairman), C Danter (Mayor), T Walker (Deputy Mayor), S Raywood, G Preedy (ad hoc)

Also present: two members of the public, including a member of the Baptist Church (item 11)

MINUTES

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone and made introductions, before issuing the customary health and safety notice.

2. To receive apologies for absence

None

3. To receive declarations of interest

None

4. To receive and consider requests for dispensations

None

5. Public participation *(to provide members of the public with the opportunity to comment on items on the agenda)*

None

6. To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12th December 2018

Proposed by CD, seconded by SR

Approved

7. To receive updates on matters arising from the minutes – for information only

Re. item 19 – following discussions in the Finance Committee which have led to a clearer understanding of other spending plans regarding IT and Communication equipment, the proposed capital project spend in the Planning Budget for the year 2019-20 will be £2,000, rather than £5,000.

8. To note correspondence

3, Saffron Road, Tewkesbury: - an email has been received from the Borough Planning Officer, requesting that we reconsider our objection, responding by 16th January, on the basis that the right-to-light of the Tudor Room, Watson Hall is not as greatly compromised as we believe it to be. An extraordinary meeting of the Planning Committee will be arranged for the 16th January, to discuss this further.

The proprietor of the Gazebo has made an application for signage.

Deerhurst Parish Council and members of the ‘Stop This’ campaign have asked whether Tewkesbury Town Council is for or against the Gladman proposal for a Garden Village. The Town Council has issued a statement to the effect that no judgement has been made, either for or against. The Town Council has also said that it is prepared to meet with Gladman again in order to continue the dialogue, with the aim of arriving at a solution that achieves the greatest good and the least disadvantage to the people who live in the northern parishes of Tewkesbury Borough.

The recent application by Tewkesbury School to make alterations to the appearance of its reception block and the planting in front of it has been permitted. The accompanying report refers to an amended plan and a note says Tewkesbury Town Council made no comment about this. The Chairman has sent an email to Annette Roberts to say that we were not informed of the existence of the amended plan, it does not appear on the Portal and we were not invited to comment on it. This is not first time such an incident has happened and it may be due to an IT problem at the Borough. Annette has responded to say that she will investigate this for us.

Annette has also said that Julian Bagg, the new Borough Conservation Officer, is extremely keen to engage with us and the public at one of our 6.00pm Public Forum meetings. She and the Chairman will discuss dates after the TTRP meeting on 24th January 2019.

9. Alterations to the existing building including new glazing, the erection of a replacement external temporary shed unit, the reconfiguration of the car park and other associated works including plant and advertisement consent for the installation of replacement signage.

Planning Application

Unit 1 Plot 5500 Shannon Way Tewkesbury Business Park Tewkesbury Gloucestershire

Ref. No: 18/01205/FUL

Letter reference	Date requested	Expiry date
DC/E07000083/PJKOHFQD0JE01	Tue 11 Dec 2018	Tue 01 Jan 2019
Observations: No objection.		

10. Proposed independent dwelling with creation of vehicular and pedestrian access.

Planning Application

2 Walton Close Newtown Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 8DH

Ref. No: 18/01196/FUL

Letter reference	Date requested	Expiry date
DC/E07000083/PJMRIBQD0LQ00	Wed 12 Dec 2018	Wed 02 Jan 2019
Observations: The Town Council objects to this proposal on three counts - 1) Overdevelopment - The building is too large for the site. 2) Right to Light of the existing property at number 2 Walton Close. 3) Highway safety - Visibility splays are a concern especially so close to a Primary School.		

11. Construction of 5 no. 1 bedroom apartments, following a section of the existing church being demolished and the alteration and extension of the church to provide a new worship space and associated facilities.

Planning Application

Tewkesbury Baptist Church Station Road Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5DR

Ref. No: 18/01194/FUL

Letter reference	Date requested	Expiry date
DC/E07000083/PJOH95QD0K003	Fri 14 Dec 2018	Fri 04 Jan 2019
Observations: Tewkesbury Town Council is pleased to see such an exciting and innovative scheme. We strongly support this application.		

12. To consider this committee's response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation on 'Planning reform: supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes' and agree any necessary amendments.

It was proposed to submit the response without further amendment.

Proposed by SR, seconded by TW

Agreed

13. To consider the JCS 'issues and options' and agree the content of this committee's response.

The committee considered their response to each of the fifteen questions and it was proposed that those responses should be submitted.

Proposed by SR, seconded by CD

Agreed

14. To consider a request from Ashchurch Rural Parish Council to support an initiative in response to the Ashchurch Concept Masterplan.

Ashchurch Rural Parish Council has requested that Tewkesbury Town Council join a collective of the Parish Councils and Community Organisations that neighbour their parish,

by signing a letter of objection to the Ashchurch Concept Master Plan. A draft copy of the letter was read and it was proposed that the Mayor sign the letter on behalf of Tewkesbury Town Council.

Proposed by JR, seconded by TW

Agreed

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signature of Chairman:

Date: